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1. Request for Certificate of Correction (2 pgs.);
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Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in connection with this submission. However, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 24299-506. A duplicate copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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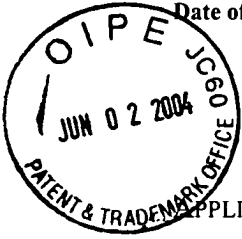
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**REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION
UNDER 37 CFR §1.322**

The patentee of the above-identified patent, through their attorney, hereby request issuance of a Certificate of Correction. A certificate is required to correct the errors in the claims, as follows:

Column 21, line 63: replace “(-511)” with “(-889)”.
Column 21, line 64: replace “(-889)” with “(-511)”.
Column 23, line 14: replace “Bsu361” with “Bsu36I”.
Column 24, line 1: replace “2” with “1”.

The corrections are not believed to involve such changes as would constitute new matter or require examination.

During prosecution, the numbers (-511) and (-889) in claim 1 were inadvertently transposed. The claim should correctly recite IL-1A (-889) and IL-1B (-511). Support for this recitation can be found throughout the now issued patent. See for example: col. 9, lines 50-60, col. 11, lines 5-10, and lines 25-30; col. 15, lines 50-55. On April 17, 2001, applicants filed an amendment to claim 4 (corresponding to issued claim 1) to recite IL-1A (-889) and IL-1B (-511).

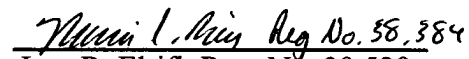
When claim 4 was next presented by applicants, in a response filed on April 29, 2003, no amendments were made to the claim, but the numbers -511 and -889 were inadvertently transposed, so that the claim recited IL-1A (-511) and IL-1B (-889). That portion of the claim remained throughout prosecution. Applicants now request that this error be corrected through

the instant Request for Certificate of Correction.

It is respectfully requested that a Certificate of Correction be issued to correct the error in the claims. Enclosed herewith are two copies of a proposed Certificate of Correction indicating the error and correction thereof. No additional fees are due in connection with this submission, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311; Reference No. 24299-506.

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CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

PATENT NO.: 6,713,253 B1
DATED: March 30, 2004
INVENTORS: Gordon W. Duff, Patrick R. S. Richardson, Ian G. Rennie

It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

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